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SUBJECT: RADIO/TV HIGHLIGHTS - WEEKEND REPORT JUNE 30,

JULY 1, MORNING REPORT JUNE 2

ROUNDUP- JUNE 30, JULY 1 - 2 - WORLD NEWS

A SAMPLING OF TV AND RADIO REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES OVER THE WEEKEND INDICATED THAT THE NEWS WAS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH WATERGATE AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL-CONGRESSIONAL IMPASSE OVER FUNDS FOR THE BOMBING OF CAMBODIA.

MARVIN KALB ON LST LINE REPORT ON SATURDAY DISCUSSED THE LATTER, AND OTHERS LATER IN THE DAY REPORTED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPROMISE BY THE SENATE. ON SUNDAY THERE WERE REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNING OF THE LEGISLATION.

THE WATERGATE HEARINGS WERE FEATURED ON ALL THE SUNDAY 'TALK SHOWS' SAVE ISSUES AND ANSWERS WHICH CONCERNED ITSELF WITH SKYLAB. CHARLEO COLSON APPEARED ON FACE THE NATION, AGRONSKY AND COMPANY DISCUSSED DEAN VERSUS THE PRESIDENT WHILE SENATOR HUMPHREY WAS INTERVIEWED ON MEET THE PRESS. HUMPHREY PROPOSED THAT THE PRESIDENT APPEAR IN

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SOME FORUM, SUGGESTING THAT WATERGATE IS A SHADOW OVER THE

WHOLE POLITICAL PROCESS, AND THAT A CLEANSING IS NOW GOING ON.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON BERNARD REDMONT, GROUP W NEWS - PARIS PRESENTED A PREVIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING HELSINKI CONFERENCE AS DID COLLINGWOOD ON CBS-TV JULY 2 (THE LATTER IS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.) REDMONT NOTED THAT THE CONFERENCE ON

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION WAS BEING COMPARED TO THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA BUT POINTED OUT THE DIFFERENCE IN PURPOSE. CHARLES QUINN NBC-TV - ROME ON SUNDAY OFFERED A COMMENTARY ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ITALY AND CBS-RADIO PRESENTED A REPORT ON THAT SITUATION ON THE MORNING OF JULY 2.

CHARLES COLLINGWOOD -- CBS-TV FROM HELSINKI -- THE FIRST BIG SPECTACULAR OF THE WIDELY HERALDED BUT AS YET SELDOM SEEN "YEAR OF EUROPE" IS GOING TO GET UNDERWAY HERE IN HELSINKI'S FINLANDIA HOUSE ON JULY 3RD WHEN THE FMS OF 35 COUNTRIES OF EAST AND WEST INCLUDING THE US WILL CONVENE WHAT WILL BE A LONG RUNNING EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION. THE CONFERENCE WAS BORN IN SUSPICION IF ONLY BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS WANTED IT BADLY AND NO ONE ELSE WAS VERY INTERESTED BUT AFTER MORE THAN SEVEN MONTHS OF PREPARATORY TALKS AT THE WORKING LEVEL AN AGENDA WAS AGREED ON FOR THE FMS. THE RUSSIANS IN THESE MONTHS MADE MORE CONCESSIONS THAN THE WEST AGREEING TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO EASE MILITARY TENSIONS AND TO GIVE, MORE FREEDOM TO THEIR SATELLITES AS WELL AS TO CONSIDER EVERYTHING FROM TRADE TO TOURISM. SO THE FMS WILL HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS LAID OUT FOR THEM WHEN THEY MEET IN THE SPACIOUS HALLS OF FINLANDIA HOUSE. SOME SUSPICIONS STILL REMAIN. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE NIXON-BREZHNEV MEETINGS MANY COUNTRIES LARGE AND SMALL FEARED THE TWO GREAT SUPER-POWERS WERE BENT ON SETTling ALL REALLY IMPORTANT MATTERS BETWEEN THEM. SECRETARY ROGERS AND FM GROMYKO WILL HAVE A LOT OF REASSURING TO DO. THE LESSER POWERS ARE BENT ON HAVING THEIR OWN SAY IN WHAT WILL BE A HUGE SEMINAR ON EUROPEAN PROBLEMS LEADING TO A THIRD STAGE WHERE THE NATIONS WILL GET DOWN TO ACTUALLY FRAMING AGREEMENTS WHICH THE RUSSIANS AT LEAST ARE DEMANDING BE CONFIRMED IN A MONSTER SUMMIT OF

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ALL THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. WHETHER TO HOLD THAT SUMMIT WILL BE ONE OF THE BONES OF CONTENTION THE FMS WILL GNAW UPON IN FINLANDIA HOUSE. THE MENAGERIE OF FMS CONVERGING ON HELSINKI ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REACH ANY WORLD SHAKING DECISION HERE, MONTHS MORE OF NEGOTIATIONS PROBABLY BEGINNING IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THAT; BUT THE MERE FACT THAT SO MANY FMS, SO MANY COUNTRIES WITH SUCH DIVERGENT VIEWS ARE COMING HERE TO TRY TO RESOLVE SOME

OF THEM IS A SIGN THAT THE "YEAR OF EUROPE" MAY BE BEGIN-
NING AT LAST. RUSH

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